

### Admissions in Air Force Schools

3490. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air Force Schools in Delhi provide admission to children of civilians under non-air-force category;

(b) if so, the number of admissions allowed to civilians during 1995-96, and 1996-97 in K.G. class, school-wise;

(c) whether these schools have revised fees etc. during the current year;

(d) if so, the category-wise details and comparative figures thereof during the last academic session;

(e) whether the revised fees are very high for civilians;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Government proposed to rationalise the fees structure for all the categories and provide same facilities to the children of all the categories;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The number of children of non Air Force personnel admitted to K.G. classes during each year is as under :

	1995-96	1996-97
Air Force Bal Bharti School	188	100
The Air Force School	86	19
Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute	79	25

(c) The fee was revised with effect from 1st April, 1996.

(d) Details of Tuition Fees :

	1995-96 (in rupees per month)		
	Primary	Secondary	Senior Secondary
Airmen	110	120	140
Officers	200	210	230
Non-Air Force	350	365	390

	1996-97		
	Primary	Secondary	Senior Secondary
Airmen	120	130	150
Officers	225	250	275
Non-Air Force	500	600	700

(e) to (i). Air Force schools are not granted any budgetary support. They have to manage their finances from the fees charged from students. The fees charged is in consonance with that charged by other schools in the capital

[Translation]

### Schemes for Seamen Officers

3491. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of welfare schemes formulated by the Government for Seamen Officers and other employees

(b) whether these schemes are in conformity with the international standards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The Govt. of India had constituted a National Welfare Board for Seafarers for advising the Govt. on the measures to be taken for promoting the welfare of seamen generally and in particular the following :

- establishment of hostels or boarding and lodging houses for seamen,
- establishment of clubs, canteen, libraries and other amenities for the benefit of seamen,
- establishment of hospitals for seamen or the provision of medical treatment for seamen, and
- the provision of educational and other facilities for seamen.

The above mentioned welfare schemes have been provided at various places to the extent possible.

Further, in accordance with the Seamen's Provident Fund Act, 1966, the Provident Fund and Gratuity scheme have been formulated to provide social security. As on 31.3.96, as many as 32,082 seamen are covered under this scheme. In addition, the Seamen's Welfare Fund Society has been established in 1964 to provide for various welfare measures like, medical assistance, ex-gratia assistance to seamen/their families, financial assistance to distressed seamen, educational scholarship to children of seafarers, annual grants/loans to seafarers' club/hostels, payment of gratuity to seamen in respect of voyages on ships of companies, which are known to have gone into liquidation etc. These schemes are in conformity with the international standards.

[English]

### Utilisation of Funds

3492. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether utilisation of funds allocated to States

under CRF is being monitored by Union Government to guard against diversion of funds for other schemes by State Governments;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Funds under the Central Road Fund (CRF) are allocated to the States for the specific schemes proposed by them. However, responsibility for the implementation of the same lies with the concerned State Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Water Supply from MES to Ranikhet Cantonment Board**

3493. SHRI BACHI SINGH PAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the system of bulk water supply from MES to Ranikhet Cantonment Board;

(b) if so, the rate at which the water is being supplied to Cantonment Board as fixed by the Union Government;

(c) whether there is any upward revision in rates by the MES or the Union Government after the fixation of rates;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether there are any arrears due from the Cantonment Board to MES, Ranikhet;

(e) whether any scheme for augmentation of water for the civil population is pending with the Director General Defence Estate/Ministry of Defence;

(f) if so, whether the cost of water supply has been subsidised by the Central Government; and the differences in the cost has been adjusted by the concerned controller of Defence Accounts; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Water is supplied by MES @ Rs. 6.76 per 1000 gallons since 1977 as fixed by the Government. There has been no upward revision by the Government since then.

(d) Arrears to the tune of Rs. 28.19,701/- are outstanding against the Cantonment Board for payment.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g). The cost of water supply has not been subsidised by the Government. MES receives water

from KUMAUN JAL NIGAM at the following rates :

Upto	1990-91	Rs. 8.10 per kilo litre
	1991-92	Rs. 8.79 per kilo litre
	1992-93	Rs. 15.48 per kilo litre
	1993-94	Rs. 14.77 per kilo litre
	(Onwards)	

The difference in cost has not been adjusted by Controller of Defence Accounts so far.

[Translation]

#### **Reena Tola Reservoir Project**

3494. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received regarding Reena-Tola Reservoir Project in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time of receipt of the said proposal;

(c) the details of the decision taken in this regard;

(d) the number of schemes pertaining to Mandla pending for approval with the Union Government alongwith details;

(e) whether there is any delay in clearance of these schemes; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these schemes are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Reena Tola Reservoir Project Report has not been received in the Central Water Commission for Techno-economic appraisal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) Two projects namely Thanwar Tank and Upper Narmada which benefit Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh and are estimated to cost Rs. 24.40 crores and 211.92 crores respectively are pending clearance. The detailed Project Reports for these projects were received in the Central Water Commission for Techno-economic appraisal in December, 1989 and September, 1996 respectively.

(e) and (f). The Thanwar Tank Project was found acceptable by the Advisory Committee in March, 1991, subject to evaluation of socio-economic status of oustees and provision of additional amount for Rehabilitation and Resettlement plans. The project is pending as the State Government has not complied with the observations of the Advisory Committee. Modified Report of Upper Narmada Project has been received recently in September, 1996. Though, there is a prescribed time limit for clearance of the projects, the delay is due to the time taken by the State Government in compliance